

CLAIMS

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1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing media services via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising:

providing a user with an interactive program guide (IPG), the IPG including a television program schedule with a plurality of scheduled programs, the plurality of scheduled programs including at least one currently scheduled television program, said currently scheduled television program being scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined current time, and at least one scheduled future television program, said scheduled future television program being otherwise available only via a scheduled broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined later time, said IPG being configured to provide a user option to highlight at least one scheduled program in the television program schedule;

in response to a user highlighting said scheduled future television program, providing said user with an option to view the highlighted scheduled future television program at a user-defined time;

receiving user input requesting said scheduled future television program for display at a user-defined time, wherein said user-defined time is prior to said later time, and wherein said user input requesting said scheduled future television program for display at a user-defined time includes a request for beginning a display of the scheduled future television program at a

time when said scheduled future television program is not scheduled to begin broadcasting to a plurality of users; and

providing said user with said scheduled future television program at said user-defined time.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

confirming that said user is authorized to receive said scheduled future television program at said user-defined time.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

charging said user a fee in connection with the provision of said television program.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

charging said user a fee in connection with providing said user with access to scheduled future television programming at said user-defined time.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of episodes corresponding to a television show.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein a type of said television show is from a group consisting of:

a sit-com, a drama series, and a soap opera.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of television programs and a plurality of corresponding channels and start times.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said user input is provided via a remote control device and said scheduled future television program is displayed on a television screen.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is received from a headend.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is received from a content provider.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a memory located inside said client device.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to said client device.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device located in a hub.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device located in a node.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device located in a cable television system.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to a cable television system.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is also provided with access to a previously broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is also provided with access to a currently broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

19. (Previously Presented) A media services device for providing a client device with a media presentation, said device comprising:

logic configured to receive from a cable television system (CTS) a television program schedule with a plurality of scheduled programs, the plurality of scheduled programs including at least one currently scheduled television program, said currently scheduled television program being scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined current time, said television program schedule including at least one scheduled future television program,

said scheduled future television program being otherwise available only via a scheduled broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined later time;

logic configured to provide said client device with information related to an interactive program guide (IPG) that includes said television program schedule, said IPG being configured to provide a user option to highlight at least one scheduled television program in the program schedule;

logic configured to provide, in response to a user highlighting said scheduled future television program, said client device with data related to a user option to provide said client device with said scheduled future television program at a user-defined time; and

logic configured to provide said client device with said scheduled future television program at a user-defined time according to a received user input,

wherein said user-defined time is prior to said later time, and

wherein said received user input can include a request for beginning a display of the scheduled future television program at a time when said scheduled future television program is not scheduled to begin broadcasting to a plurality of users.

20. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising:

logic configured to cause said user to be charged a fee in connection with the provision of said television program.

21. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising:

logic configured to cause said user to be charged a fee in connection with providing the user with access to scheduled future television programming.

22. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising:
logic configured to confirm that said user is authorized to receive said scheduled future television program.
23. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of episodes corresponding to a television show.
24. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 23, wherein a type of said television show is from a group consisting of:
a sit-com, a drama series, and a soap opera.
25. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of television programs and a plurality of corresponding channels and start times.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is received from a headend.
28. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a memory located inside said client device.

29. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to said client device.
30. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device located in a hub.
31. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device located in a node.
32. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device located in a cable television system.
33. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said scheduled future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to a cable television system.
34. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising logic configured to provided said user with access to a previously broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.
35. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising logic configured to provided said user with access to a currently broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

36. (Previously Presented) A media services client device for providing a user with a media presentation, said device comprising:

logic configured to receive from a cable television system (CTS) a television program schedule with a plurality of scheduled television programs, the plurality of scheduled television programs including at least one currently scheduled television program, said currently scheduled television program being scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined current time, and at least one scheduled future television program, said scheduled future television program being otherwise available only via a scheduled broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined later time;

logic configured to provide said user with an interactive program guide (IPG) configured to display the television program schedule, said IPG being further configured to provide a user option to highlight a scheduled television program in the program schedule; and

logic configured to provide, in response to a user highlighting said scheduled future television program, said user with said scheduled future television program at a user-defined time,

wherein said user-defined time is prior to said later time, and wherein said logic configured to provide said user with said scheduled future television program at a user-defined time includes logic configured to begin presentation of said scheduled future television program at a time when said scheduled future television program is not scheduled to begin broadcasting to a plurality of users.